

Supplementary File 2 – Semi-Structured Interview Schedule

Opening Question	Potential Follow-Up Questions/Probes
Can you tell me about your role in the area of First Response (FR)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How long have you had this role? - Have you had any other roles in this area?
Can you tell me about the FR model/system in your country/region?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What types of first responders are involved (e.g. firefighters, lay people, nurses)? - How are first responders alerted/dispatched?
What are the roles and responsibilities of first responders in your country/region?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What training do they have? - What equipment do they have? - What emergencies do they respond to? - Can you tell me about any feedback they receive? - Can you tell me about any emotional/psychological support they receive?
In your view, what prompts people to become first responders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What encourages people to stay involved in FR in the long term? - Are there benefits/drawbacks to being a first responder? - Are there commonalities (e.g. certain traits, characteristics or past experiences) among first responders?
How is FR evaluated/monitored in your country/region?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are FR data collected? - When are FR data collected and by whom? - What is the purpose(s) of data collection (e.g. outcome measurement, clinical purposes, legal purposes, record keeping)? - Which outcomes are measured (e.g. survival, adverse events)? - Is the impact of FR on different stakeholders (e.g. patients, significant others, first responders) assessed?
In your opinion, how should FR be evaluated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which outcomes should be measured? - How should the data be collected? - When should it be collected and by whom? - How should the data be used?
In your view, what are the strengths and weaknesses of the FR model/system in your country/region?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What works well? - Is there anything you would change? - What are the main benefits of FR? - What are the main limitations of FR?